

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – AUGUST 8, 2013

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Vispoli reconvened the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:51 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Town Offices. Roll call: Chairman Alex Vispoli-Y, and Selectmen Brian Major-Y, Mary Lyman-Y, Dan Kowalski-Y and Paul Salafia-Y. Also present: Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo, Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis, Special Town Counsel Thomas Gorman, Finance Committee Chairman S. Jon Stumpf and Director of Planning Paul Materazzo. The meeting was duly posted.

II. Executive Session

Chairman Vispoli called the Executive Session to order at 7:30 A.M. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at the Town Offices. On a motion by Dan Kowalski and seconded by Paul Salafia, the Board voted 4-0 to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential communications with Town Counsel and Special Town Counsel for legal advice and to discuss litigation strategy which may have a detrimental effect on the Board's position if discussed in Open Session. Roll Call: A. Vispoli-Y, D. Kowalski-Y, M. Lyman-Y, and P. Salafia-Y. At 7:51 A.M. on a motion by P. Salafia and seconded by D. Kowalski, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn from Executive Session and move to Open Session, not to return to Executive Session. Roll call: A. Vispoli-Y, B. Major-Y, D. Kowalski-Y, M. Lyman-Y and P. Salafia-Y.

III. Regular Business of the Board

A. 2-4 Bancroft Road

On a motion by Selectman Salafia and seconded by Selectman Lyman, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Settlement Agreement reached between the Town of Andover, Town Manager, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen regarding 2-4 Bancroft Road.

B. Tewksbury Slot Parlor

Chairman Vispoli said the Board asked to have a formal process prepared to assess the impact of the proposed slot parlor proposal in Tewksbury and to develop a plan of action. He stated that Town staff met on Wednesday and have been totally engaged, in short order, in preparing an action plan realizing the potential impact a slot parlor located off of Rte 133 would have on the Town of Andover.

Director of Planning Paul Materazzo distributed a Draft Action Plan to the Board. The plan is broken into two tiers: Tier I-Traffic Study and Tier II Concerns. Mr. Materazzo identified the four key studies in Tier I they are moving forward with right away.

1. Traffic Study by the DPW, Planning Division and the MVPC. The Planning Division will contact Tewksbury's Planning Director and Penn National for more information on the plan. Public Safety, Market Impact, Legal, Wetlands, Drainage, and Utilities.

2. The Town's Police and Fire Chiefs will develop a Public Safety Review and identify consultants to assist the Town and MVPC will reach out to their public safety contacts for additional consulting firms.
3. The Planning Division will reach out to RKG for assistance and conduct a market review of the downtown businesses to determine what the economic impact of the slot parlor will have on them.
4. Town Counsel will speak with peers about a Surrounding Community Agreement.
5. The Conservation Director will submit a report to the Board on wetlands and the DPW will write a report on drainage issues. There is no known impact on utilities as far as the DPW can ascertain.

Tier II includes action items for the site proposal including lighting and visual impacts and construction traffic with action items to be forthcoming.

Selectman Kowalski talked about the potential future costs to public safety in terms of adding additional Police and Fire personnel and benefits including OPEB.

The Board talked about the traffic flow on Rte 133, future traffic from the development of the 40B project and the Deyermont Field in addition to the current and future residential and commercial traffic.

Chairman Vispoli asked that an update be provided to the Board in their weekly packets and that the Board submit questions and concerns to Buzz Stapczynski, Steve Bucuzzo and Paul Materazzo. Legal questions should be sent to Town Counsel.

IV. Adjournment

On a motion by Selectman Major and seconded by Selectman Salafia, the Board motioned to adjourn at 8:12 A.M. Roll call: A. Vispoli-Y, B. Major-Y, D. Kowalski-Y, M. Lyman-Y and P. Salafia-Y.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo
Recording Secretary